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SUBJ: US-ALGERIAN RELATIONS: RESPONSE TO ALGERIAN
DEMARCHÉ ON SAHARA AND THE RELEASE OF FRENCH HOSTAGES

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1. WE DO NOT THINK THAT AN EXPRESSION OF GRATIFICATION
AT THE RELEASE OF THE FRENCH HOSTAGES IN THE SECRETARY'S
RESPONSE TO BOUDEFELIKA WOULD CAUSE US ANY PROBLEMS WITH
THE FRENCH IN THE EVENT THE CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BECOME
PUBLIC. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY ALGIERS (REFTEL), HOWEVER,
THAT SUCH MENTION NEED NOT--IN FACT SHOULD NOT--INCLUDE
THANKING THE GOA FOR ITS ROLE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD'S FAILURE TO MENTION
THE ALGERIANS AMONG THOSE WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION TO
THE LIBERATION EFFORT WAS PROBABLY INTENDED TO BE
NOTED IN ALGIERS. FRENCH OFFICIALDOM AT EVERY LEVEL
HAS BEEN CONSISTENT IN EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT AT A
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MINIMUM THE GOA COULD HAVE COMMANDED THE RELEASE OF
THE HOSTAGES AT ANY TIME IT WISHED. SOME HIGH-LEVEL
OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY VOICED THE SUSPICION THAT THE
IDEA OF TAKING HOSTAGES MAY HAVE ORIGINATED WITH THE
GOA. THE FLAT DECLARATION BY SIX OF THE RELEASED
HOSTAGES AT A WIDELY PUBLICIZED PRESS CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, THAT THEY WERE HELD ON ALGERIAN

TERRITORY THROUGHOUT THE BULK OF THEIR CAPTIVITY WILL
INCREASE PUBLIC SUSPICION OF ALGERIAN COMPLICITY--
THOUGH ALGERIA WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ITS DEFENDERS ON
THE FRENCH LEFT.
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